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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JENNIE B. SHEN

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<u>RESPONSE</u>

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This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003 regarding the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and submits the following in support thereof.